



Ackworth Parish Magazine



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Ackworth Parish Church ~ Who's Who?

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Sunday Services

St Cuthbert's	10.15 am	The Parish Communion and Junior Church
All Saints'	8.30 am	Holy Communion
All Saints'	6.30 pm	Evensong
All Saints'	4.00 pm	New Service (Last Sunday of the month)

Morning and Evening Prayers

Monday to Thursday 9.00 am and 5.00 pm St Cuthbert's Church

Guide, Brownie and Rainbow Parade and Family Communion:

2nd Sunday in the month 10.15 am at St Cuthbert's Church

Baptisms and Marriages: Please contact the Rector for an appointment

From the Rector's Study

It seems odd to be writing this letter before the beginning of August and before my holidays; looking forward to the month of September; a time when for most people, the holidays will be finished and life will have a very different feel to it.

As I write, the schools have only just broken up and for some this will be a time of great change in their lives as they either move to other schools, colleges or university, or leave the security of education to begin new jobs. For many, particularly those whose lives revolve around the educational year (e.g. parents, children, teachers and ancillary workers) there will be a sense of winding down as I write. And yet by the time this article is published the feeling will be very different as they get caught up in a frenzy of preparation for the new academic year. I feel a bit schizophrenic metaphorically speaking.

It is to the ensuing month (September) that I now turn to. Appropriately, that start of the new academic year offers me a theme which applies very much to our parish as well as the church in general. There are events and commemorations within the month which provide valuable lessons for life particularly Christian life. On the day that many schools open their doors again we have the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of our Lord. There is much we could all learn from her many virtues; humility and obedience from her absolute acceptance of the task assigned to her by the Archangel Gabriel at the Annunciation. Her patience and love in the raising of the Holy child who was destined to be the Messiah who would suffer terribly and die; how painful must those words of Simeons at the

Presentation have been "*and a sword will pierce your own soul too.*" There is much we could learn about bearing undeserved pain and suffering.

On the 21st we commemorate the feast of Saint Matthew. Here was a man who began life in one of the most dishonourable professions of his own time as a tax collector. Almost all were dishonest and cruel - lining their own pockets at their own peoples expense and suffering. Despised and hated, it must have been an enormous leap to simply accept the love and forgiveness that Jesus brought, let alone to become loving and open-hearted to those he had in the past misused. Were it not for Matthew (leaving aside the academic arguments as to whether he was the true author) we would not have had one of the most valuable pieces of Christian teaching which has been available to us almost from the time of Christ himself - the first Gospel.



The 29th sees the festival of St Michael and All Angels from which we learn that we are not alone in our fight against the vast supernatural force of evil but have guardians in heaven to assist us and to enjoin the struggle in the heavenly realms.

'Core' group of the WMS and the PCC respectively) there will be plenty of opportunities for us all as the WMS gets underway (plus opportunities every year for election to the PCC!)

Turning to our own church, some of our members begin a new learning experience on the 19th of this month as they attend their first set day on 'Discipleship in Daily Life' as a start to the Wakefield Ministry Scheme (WMS). Our PCC on the 26th go to St Peters, Gildersome for a day of study of the broader and more spiritual or theological aspects of our Church's life. although these two events may seem to be restrictive in that only a small group of our congregation will be attending (i.e. the

If like many school leavers may say when they say goodbye to school, "I've finished with education now," some of you feel that you're too old to learn anything new; think again! I would also question the wisdom behind the saying that a little learning is a dangerous thing. Quite the opposite is true - no learning is a very dangerous thing indeed. If we've stopped learning, then we've stopped living. Live and learn!

Yours in Christ

Paul

From the Registers



Baptisms

26 July Nathan Cooper

9 Aug Cameron Thomas Smith

Marriages

25 July Ming-Fang Hsieh & Suet Fan Violet Lo

31 July Mark Devlin & Joanne Sarah Haigh

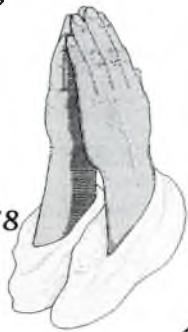
7 Aug Jeremy Robinson & Sarah Lisa Morris

8 Aug Gavin Lee Williams & Joanne Wood

Funerals

13 July Joan Mary Brewster Hepworth,
129 Thornhill Road, Castleford, aged 78

14 July George Heptonstall Benson,
61 Mount Pleasant, Ackworth, aged 82



Lead us not into temptation

Last month I wrote about wiping our slates clean before God. This is an edifying experience. It is good to know that we are right with God, and that our relationship with him is made good. This part of the Lord's Prayer now tries to keep that relationship clean.

At this point we are asking God to keep us from temptation. The actual words ask God not to lead us into temptation. This has caused difficulty for some scholars, because they have difficulty in believing in a God who would deliberately set out to tempt us, when other parts of scripture state that our God will not tempt us. I too do not believe that our God who loves us would deliberately put temptation in our paths. So how should we look at this part of the prayer?

What we should do is interpret it differently. What we are actually asking is that God should lead us away from temptation; not into temptation, but away from it.

Part of being human

In this line we are admitting to ourselves, and to God that we are merely human, and not divine or superhuman. We are admitting our frailty. It is right that we should do so. We are not equal with God; we are very inferior to him. Even God's own Son, who took on human form, was subject to the temptation which is part of being human.

All of us know what temptation is like. We have all suffered the indignity of giving in to

some form of temptation, no matter how trivial that might seem at the time. Breaking a diet or a fast, not telling the entire truth, reinterpreting events to suit our own ends, gossiping. These are all forms of temptation, which many of us have given in to.

We are all human, and therefore subject to temptation in one form or another. In admitting this fact to God, we are asking him to lead us away from it. If we truly mean to live the life which God would have us live, we must not give in to temptation. And it would seem that the only way we can be sure of achieving that, is by asking God to lead us away from it.

What we are asking God to do is something which all parents would wish to do. I always try to lead my children away from the sweetie section of Sainbury's when I take them shopping. Because I do not want them to give in to the temptation of asking repeatedly for sweets.



In the right direction

What we need to do is put ourselves in the shoes of such children. It is difficult to recognise what is going on sometimes but, when we do, we have to trust that God, our Father, will lead us in the right direction, away from temptation, and its resulting sin.

Rotas for September

Readings and Readers

September 6th Pentecost 14 *ASB ff 703 yr2*
 Old Testament Genesis 45:1-15 Miss Smith/Mrs Walters
 New Testament Ephesians 3:14-end Miss Smith/Mr Cook

September 13th Pentecost 15 *BCP*
 New Testament Galatians 5:16-24 Mrs Walker
 (Gospel only at St Cuthbert's)

September 20th Pentecost 16 *ASB ff 713 yr2*
 Old Testament Deuteronomy 15:7-11 Mrs Cooper/Miss Parker
 New Testament 1 John 4:15-end Mrs Cooper/Mrs Riley

September 27th Pentecost 17 *ASB ff 717 yr 2*
 Old Testament Jeremiah 32:6-15 Dr McWilliam
 New Testament Galatians 2:15-3:9 Dr McWilliam/Mrs Woffinden

Readers - please arrange own replacement for holidays etc.



Flowers & Brasses

St Cuthbert's/All Saints'

6th Mrs Gardham/Mrs Camplin
 13th Mrs Dodd/Miss Smith
 20th Mrs S Lee/
 Mesdames Cooper & Langbourne
 27th Vacant/Vacant



Mrs Asquith
 &
 Mrs Lancaster

Mother's Union

Sept 3 9.00- 9.30am Wave of Prayer Service. Please Pray for our linked Dioceses of The Murray - Australia; Soroti - Uganda and Tomali - Ghana
Sept 14 2.30pm Deanery Festival Service at St Cuthbert's - Everyone Welcome.
Sept 24 2.30pm Slides and talk based on the hymn 'How Great Thou Art' - speaker Mrs Dorothy Knowles at the Almshouses
Please check the parish calendar for more M.U. dates and venues



Calendar for September

3	Thursday	9.00am	M.U. Wave of Prayer Service	All Saints'
4	Friday	2.00pm	M.U. Deanery Meeting	St Giles, Pontefract
6	SUNDAY		<i>Pentecost 14</i>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
		6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
7	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	Vestry - St Cuthbert's
8	Tuesday		The Blessed Virgin Mary	
		2.00pm	Mums And Tots	All Saints'
		7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
9	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
12	Saturday		11.00am Church Open Day	St Cuthbert's
		11.00am	M.U. Diocesan Quiet Day	Bishop's Lodge
13	SUNDAY		<i>Pentecost 15</i>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion - BCP	All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
		6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
14	Monday	2.30pm	M.U. Deanery Festival Service	St Cuthbert's
16	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		7.45pm	Womens Group	Vestry - St Cuthbert's
			Antiques Roadshow	
19	Saturday		Wakefield Ministry Scheme Training Day	
20	SUNDAY		<i>Pentecost 16</i>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
		6.30pm	Evensong	St Cuthbert's
21	Monday		St Matthew	
		7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
22	Tuesday	2.00pm	Mums and Tots	All Saints'
23	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
24	Thursday	2.30pm	M.U. Service and Meeting	The Almshouses
27	SUNDAY		<i>Pentecost 17</i>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
		4.00pm	Open Door Service	All Saints'
29	Tuesday		St Michael and All Angels	
		7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
30	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'

THE PARISH OF ACKWORTH



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ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
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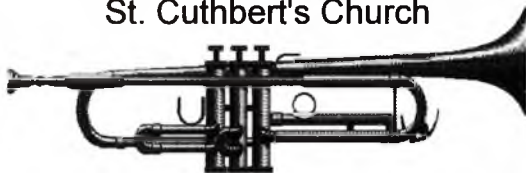
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News, Events and Dates for Your Diary

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The Oasis broke out of the cupboard and
engulfed Mrs McCredy

Oh! What do Churchwardens do?

The golden rule that all Churchwardens should follow, but rarely do, is not to volunteer for anything - We shall probably have to do it in any case or get the blame because it has been left undone for too long.

Take this week for example. After a hard week of getting ready to have a well earned rest from work I suddenly remember the jobs that I have promised to do at Church. On Saturday night Biddy reminds me that I have to take the cups back from the teddy bears' picnic or there will be no coffee on Sunday AND, worse still, that I have agreed to make some suggestions for the displays at Open Day just four weeks away (see advert); so, early on Sunday morning, a list is duly drawn up to present to the organisers after church.

After the service Marie asks me if I'm still all right for the Ascension Day display on the 12th September. I then recall that 10 days ago at the planning meeting ~ [the one that most of the congregation did not manage to get to!] I said that I thought I might have a good idea for Ascension Day. I then broke the rule again and said "NO Problem", ~ I will now have to get my son to assist me, using his artistic talents!

I duly sign the form at the back of the church for this slot and sign up in support of Kate Plant's sponsored relay swim across the English channel. (That is something I would not volunteer to do! - Best wishes Kate, by the way) and then talk over with Fred the potential problems we might experience whilst the Rector and Mrs Hartley take their well earned break from Ackworth. I assist (!?) Ada with the envelopes and make a call near to the Church for non-alcoholic refreshment and a short chat, and arrive home just after 1 pm.

On Tuesday I change a PAR 38 floodlight bulb that blew 3 weeks ago with a replacement I'd bought the week before during a lunch half-hour and, with Fred's help, remove the Rector of Ackworth Name Board so that it can be taken to York by him to be engraved with Paul's name. (About time, you might say and I would agree!)

On Wednesday, after a call from Ada, we discuss the sale of the 1999 Church Diary (still good value

at 75 pence!- get yours whilst stocks last!) at her house. From this conversation I agree to speak to Linda (one of our Magazine Editors) to ask her to plug the sale of the diaries, only to learn that she is short of copy for the September Magazine! Guess What? Yes, I break the rule again and say I will see what I can do to oblige! This article is the result, completed after running off the Newsletter for the Sunday service in the vestry.



It takes many people to run the local church and this article is dedicated to all those who help in so many ways to maintain our worship, our buildings and our outreach to the village and beyond. A big Thank You to all of you who spare some of your valuable time to help where you can and when asked.

Bill Branston August 1998

HEY EVERYONE!

If you have time and energy to spare ~ little or lots ~ there are many ways in which you could help, both in and around both churches. See Fred Davies or Bill Branston on Sunday mornings and offer your talents and skills. Everyone has something to contribute, however small or insignificant you think your own contribution might be. Come along and offer your help. It will be much appreciated!

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